(d) whether any time frame has been worked out to cover all eligible urban poor under this scheme and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per the data available with them for 155 out of 198 centres in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 30,800 applications were received in those centres against the corresponding target of 16,384. The complete picture regarding the receipt of the applications, number and amount sanctioned would emerge only after the data for the whole financial year becomes available.

(c) No survey for the determination of the number of urban poor, has so far been made by RBI/Commercial Banks.

(d) No, Sir. However, the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor would be continued for the next financial year i.e. 1987-88 also.

Acquisition of F-16C Aircraft by Pakistan

2657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that Pakistan is likely to get twenty F-16C multipurpose aircraft which are more sophisticated than the highly rated F-16 and have superior avionics as well as greater capability to carry missiles and other weapons; if so, whether the issue has been taken up with the US Government; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the situation created by the likely acquisition of the new highly sophisticated aircraft by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government have seen press reports in this regard. Government's concern about such arms transfers to Pakistan has been conveyed to the U.S. Government on a number of occasions in the past.

(b) Adequate steps have been taken to meet any eventualities. It would not be in the public interest to disclose details regarding the steps taken.

2658. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1987*]

Function at Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link

2659. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had sent invitation cards to all the M.P.s of Tamil Nadu requesting them to attend the function of Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link held in January, 1987; and

(b) if so, the number of Ministers and M.Rs. those were allowed to address the function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three Union Ministers of State, one Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu and one Member of Parliament addressed the gathering at the function.

Mounting Central spending

2660. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarared Question 1123 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it has been stated that Government expenditure had gone up 30.7 percent in 1985-86 from 9.56 per cent in 1950-51; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such mounting spent expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Insti-

tute of Economic Studies in the same note referred to in the starred Question answered on 12th March, 1987 had made same such comparison with Gross Domestic Product.

The Five Year Plans of this country envisage a major role for Government in Building infrastructure and in amelioration of poverty. It is natural that Government Expenditure as a percentage of GDP has consequently grown since the commencement of the Five Year Plans.

पार्श्वनाथ पर्वत पर टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र

2661. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में सबसे ऊंचे पर्वत पार्श्वनाथ पर दूरदर्शन के कार्यक्रमों के प्रसारण के लिए एक उच्च शक्ति का टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र स्थापित करने के संबंध में 1983-84 में स्वीकृति दी गयी थी ; और

(ख) क्या राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रमों से गिरिडीह, देवधर, संथाल परगना, दुमका, हजारीबाग आदि जिलों की जनता को लाभान्वित करने के लिए इस वर्ष कोई रिले केन्द्र स्थापित करने का विचार है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) गिरिडीह, हजारीबाग और संथाल परगना जिलों के भाग, रांची और आसनसोल के उच्च शक्ति (10 किलोवाट) वाले दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों के सेवा क्षेत्र में आते है । इन जिलों में दूरदर्शन में तब और सुधार होने की उम्मीद है जब दूरदर्शन की सातवीं योजना की स्कीमों के अंग के रूप में, कटिहार और डाल्टनगंज में उच्च शक्ति (10 किलोवाट) वाला एक-एक टी० वी० ट्रांसमीटर और गिरिडीह में 100 वाट का ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित हो जायेगा । देश के शेष कवर न हुए भागों में दूरदर्शन सेवा का विस्तार इस प्रयोजन के लिए संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करते हुए चरणबद्ध ढंग से किया जायेगा ।

Amount of loans and advances given

2662. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI :

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of total deposits in the scheduled banks of the country till the end of December, 1986;

(b) what is the total amount of loans and advances given during the year 1985-86 and from March 1986 till January, 1987; and

(c) how much amount of loans and advances been returned till January, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to provisional data available from Reserve Bank of India, the total deposits (other than from banks) of all Scheduled Commercial Banks in India as on the last Friday of December 1986 (i.e. 26-12-1986) amounted to Rs. 100964 crores.

(b) The present data reporting system does not yield information in the manner asked for. However, total outstanding bank credit (excluding in inter banks advances) of all Scheduled Commercial Banks registered an increase of Rs. 6963 crores during the year 1985-86. The increase in outstanding credit during ten months period (April 1986—January 1987) was Rs. 6027 crores.

(c) The present information system generates data on recovery of direct agricultural advances on an annual basis as at the end of June each year. Data for the year ending June 1985 in respect of